

tours to engage young learners, providing curriculum materials to various Martinez schools, and sponsoring state-wide conferences and workshops related to history. With 200 volunteers and an additional 300 members, it is no surprise that the Martinez Historical Society is a cornerstone in our community.

Mr. Speaker, the Martinez Historical Society is of tremendous value to our community, and its success has brought awareness to our community's vibrant history through the work of the Martinez Museum and its dedication to education. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor the Martinez Historical Society here today.

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HONORING STAFF SERGEANT  
AARON M. TOBLER

**HON. JOHN GARAMENDI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 14, 2016*

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Staff Sergeant Aaron M. Tobler of the United States Air Force who has been named one of the twelve Outstanding Airmen of the Year for 2016.

Aaron enlisted in the Air Force Reserve in 2011 and received honors at both basic training and technical school. He is currently a Geospatial Intelligence Analyst assigned to the 50th Intelligence Squadron at Distributed Ground Station-Two at Beale Air Force Base, California where his job is to exploit high-value targets and satisfy intelligence requirements in support of Combatant Commanders around the World. As a direct result of Staff Sergeant Tobler's work, weapon manufacturing compounds were identified and destroyed, crippling an entire terrorist network. He also facilitated successful over watch of Joint Task Force troop convoys, ensuring over two thousand miles of roads were clear of threats.

When he's not working for the Air Force, Aaron is an active member in his community. He is a manager with the California Department of Social Services in Sacramento, and serves on the Board of Directors for Rocklin Residents Unite for Fido community group, an organization that offers scholarships to wounded veterans to receive training for their service dogs. He is involved in several community fundraising events, offering strategic support and is a regular blood donor.

Staff Sergeant Aaron Tobler exemplifies what it means to be an Outstanding Airman. His has accumulated many accolades and medals in his Air Force career, and now he can add being the first Reservist in the Intelligence Career Field to ever be selected as an Outstanding Airman of the Year as one of his many accomplishments.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored that Sergeant Tobler and his family are assigned to Beale Air Force Base in my district. And it is my privilege to recognize him here for his outstanding contributions to California and to the United States.

RECOGNIZING SUE WATSON

**HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 14, 2016*

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Sue Watson, who celebrated her 80th birthday on October 8th. I would like to take this opportunity to extend to her my wishes for an extraordinary, happy birthday and congratulations on this very special milestone.

Sue Watson was born on October 8, 1936 in South Bend, IN. She and her family moved to Palm Beach in 1976. In 1981, Sue was one of the founding members of Temple Judea and in 1982 was among the representative members of Palm Beach County at the first United Jewish Appeal Campaign Leadership Gathering in Israel. An avid dancer, Sue has won numerous ballroom dance competitions and awards—as well as the envy of her peers. She has dedicated her life to caring for others, from volunteering to care for infants born with HIV to her work helping patients at Hospice of Palm Beach County. Sue would say her most important work, however, is being the mother of Jodi and Brad Ochstein and the grandmother of Chris and Jake Ochstein, all of whom love her and were thrilled to be with her to celebrate her 80th birthday.

I am honored to recognize Sue Watson in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, and I wish her a joyous and enriching year ahead. Happy birthday.

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CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF TOM  
HAYDEN

**HON. TED LIEU**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 14, 2016*

Mr. TED LIEU of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Thomas Emmet Hayden—husband, father, and public servant—who passed away on Sunday, October 23, 2016.

Born in Royal Oak, Michigan, Tom attended the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. He served as the editor in chief of the campus newspaper and found a true passion for the Civil Rights Movement. From this critical juncture, Tom began his journey of public service and ensured he would be a voice to the voiceless.

Through these early formative years, Tom became an inspirational and resolute leader, critic, and organizer whose legacy was borne during a time of political and social upheaval. He was politically active during the Vietnam War and the Civil Rights Movement, giving voice to a generation that yearned for peace and racial justice.

Tom's dedication to public service continued in the California State Assembly from 1982–1992 and State Senate from 1992–2000. Whether it was divestment from apartheid South Africa or support for solar power, Tom proved to be an amazing political force and spoke truth to power.

Tom is survived by his wife, Barbara Williams, sister, three children, and two grand-

children. His family has much to be proud of given his critical legacy, and he will surely be missed. I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing Tom Hayden's exceptional life.

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HONORING DEBORAH SLIZ ON HER  
DISTINGUISHED CAREER

**HON. DORIS O. MATSUI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 14, 2016*

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge Ms. Deborah Rochelle Sliz, who for more than thirty-five years has served with distinction as a trusted advocate for the community-owned utilities that serve consumers in small and large communities alike.

I first met Deborah through her work as the Washington representative of the Sacramento Municipal Utility District, fondly known as SMUD. SMUD serves the City of Sacramento with affordable electricity on a not-for-profit basis. And in the same way SMUD has focused on providing reliable, forward-thinking customer service, Deborah has provided her clients with sound advice and valuable insights into energy policy.

Deborah began her career here on Capitol Hill, as Counsel for Chairman Morris K. Udall of the House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee—now known as the House Resources Committee. There she handled water and power issues, which became her life's work. She went on to advocate for not-for-profit power systems at the American Public Power Association, then at APCO Worldwide. In 2006, she became the President and CEO of Morgan Meguire, LLC and has built a highly regarded government relations firm during a transformative time in the energy industry. Her commitment to community-owned electric utilities, coupled with her business sense, people skills, and personal integrity, have made Morgan Meguire—under her leadership—second to none when it comes to energy policy advocacy.

Deborah has worked with Members of Congress throughout the country, from both sides of the aisle, to advance her clients' interests. Deborah has played a pivotal role in the development of landmark legislation including the Clean Air Act of 1990, the Energy Policy Act of 2005, and the Hoover Power Reallocation Act of 2011, to name just a few.

Utility managers and their elected board members consider her a trusted advisor and say that they have greatly benefited from her leadership and vision, while her colleagues and her staff say she is known for her ability to bring stakeholders together, her integrity, and forthrightness.

With accolades like these, it is not surprising that my personal and professional respect and admiration for Deborah runs deep, and I wish her happiness and good health in her retirement. The wise counsel, determination, and good sense of humor with which she has served on behalf of public power will be fondly remembered.

Thank you for your service, Deborah.